

more Feds, is in Chicago, and unburdened himself of the announcement that he had already nailed one big leaguer. Otto declined to name the star. He added that he was gunning for more material, that being the purpose of his trip.

The impression is gaining ground that Vic Saler, Cub first baseman,



Bill Killifer, Philadelphia Backstop, Signed by the Chicago Feds.

who has developed into one of the star first sackers in either big league, has signed a Federal contract and will play with St. Louis. Mordecai Brown has conferred with Saler, but the result of the confab was not given out.

Manager Knabe of Baltimore will see Saler while he is in the West.

Saler's loss would be a heavy blow to Murphy and Evers, as he is one of the most important cogs in the new infield machine that is being constructed on the West Side.

Old Baltimore Oriole players have made good in the two big leagues already in operation, and indications are that another member of that famous pennant-winning aggregation will have a chance to make a name for himself as a Federal leader.

He is Jimmy Sheekard, who will probably be appointed to lead Pittsburgh some time today. Sheek was in conference with the Smoketown owners, and his attitude after the meeting indicated he had landed the job.

For many weeks the Federal League has been making forays on the big leagues for players, the brunt of the attack being hurled at the National.

The campaign has brought results, all of which have not been made public. We know that Tinker, Brown and Knabe have jumped. Officials of the new organization say that other players have deserted the older circuits, and so far their statements have not been of the windy variety.

If you want to throw a healthy scare into the ranks of so-called organized baseball, and had a say in the operation of the Federal League, where would you direct your next assault?

Where could you deliver a blow that would really hurt? You'd naturally think the matter over, and then—

Why not try to sign some of the umpires in the older leagues?

That's a new idea, but is it such a pop-eyed one. An umpire is a human being—though many fans doubt it—and is as susceptible to the lure of HONEST money as the next man. Get that honest word, there, for this isn't intended to be slanderous.

Get three or four of the good umpires, and you would have delivered